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In re Application of Paul W. Dent Serial No.: TBD A. Boakye Examiner Filed: TBD Group Art Unit 2733 For: **COMMUNICATION AND METHOD** WITH ORTHOGONAL BLOCK **ENCODING** Attorney Docket No.: P-4015.814 Raleigh, North Carolina

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents **Box Patent Application** Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

If any fees for the Preliminary Amendment are required, the Applicant's submits that this be considered a Petition therefore, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 18-1167.

Please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Under the title on page 1, please insert the following: +This is a continuation of U.S.

patent application serial number 08/898,392, filed July 22, 1997.--.